



Special Kindergarten Book Program: I is for Iowa

In the spring of 2002 First Lady Christie Vilsack on behalf of Iowa Stories 2000 will give a book to Iowa kindergarten children.

The book, I is for Iowa, is written and illustrated by Iowans, Mary Ann Gensicke and Lonna Nachtigal and it is published by Iowa State Press. The book is an alphabet book, which highlights people, places, events, and products unique to Iowa.

This May every Kindergarten child in the state will take home the book I is for Iowa. Around 38,000 books will be distributed. This is made possible with the help of Iowa's Area Education Agencies, a major contributor to this project. The books will be delivered to every public and nonpublic kindergarten teacher who will give the books to all the kindergarten children. The books will be taken home to share with parents, siblings and grandparents.

Each child will also receive a map of Iowa prepared by the Department of Cultural Affairs that will highlight family-friendly places in each county that families can visit.

You can find suggestions for using the book and other resources on this web site. You can find out more about this book project by visiting the First Lady's web site at: <http://www.christievilsack.org/>

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